

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-5, 7-12, 14, 16-22, 24, 26-29, 31-35, 37-39 remain pending. Applicants continue to disagree with the rejections in the Final Office Action in the present application, and submit that the claims as pending before this amendment are patentable over the cited art. Merely to expedite issuance of the claims, Applicants amend the claims as set forth above. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification. For example, the system under test being an electronic system is described at page 4, lines 19-23. The definition of the hot plug and hot pull including the insertion/removal of the component from the system without removing power is described, for example, at page 1, lines 23-26. The definition of the hot plug/hot pull commands may be found, for example, at page 9, lines 19-27.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-96500/LJM.

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